Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That this Assembly do proceed to the election of six members to the House Committee in accordance with sub-rule (2) of rule 175 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Chair desires to inform the House that for the purpose of election of six members to the House Committee, the Office of the Secretary will be open to receive notice of candidature up to 3 P.M. on Friday, the 18th March 1955 and that the election, if necessary, will take place on Tuesday, the 22nd March 1955 in the Assistant Secretary's room between the hours of 3 and 5 P.M. The election will be conducted as laid down in sub-rule (2) of rule 175 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly in accordance with the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

Notification under Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1931.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table copy of Notification No. T. 6916—R.T. 36-54-32, dated 5th March 1955 issued under the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1931.

BUDGET FOR 1955-56—DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

DEMAND No. 7.—OTHER TAXES AND DUTIES.

13. OTHER TAXES AND DUTIES

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

" That a sum not exceeding Rs. 17,40,000 be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1956, in respect of 'Other Taxes and Duties'."

Does the Hon'ble Minister wish to make any statement ?

*Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—Sales tax is an important item of income. It was levied for the first time in 1948. Whether we like it or not, it has come to stay with us. As the Hon'ble Members are aware, businessmen were urging for the modification of certain provisions in the Sales Tax Act. In order to satisfy their demand, a Committee was constituted under my chairmanship and in accordance with the report of the Committee, a Bill had been placed to amend the Sales Tax Act. The Bill which was passed by this House has received the assent of the President. It will come into effect from the first of April 1955. The main provisions of this Bill are that it provides for the levy of tax at a single point on about 35 commodities. Most of the articles which have been declared by the Parliament to be essential to the life of the community have been exempted under the provisions of the amending Act. In regard to the other commodities, a slab basis has been adopted for computing the turnover and fixing the tax thereon. During the current year, a new circle has been formed to deal with non-resident dealers. I may also add that we are likely to get a few lakhs of rupees more than the expected revenue. There are 139 revision petitions entertained during the year. The Government have disposed of 76 petitions so far, leaving a balance of 63 revision petitions. In accordance with the recommendation of the Sales Tax Committee, the Government is proposing to introduce a Bill to further amend the Sales Tax Act to constitute an appellate tribunal.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We have got three Demands to-day—Demands Numbers 7, 14 and 15. I have allotted one hour and 15 minutes for Demand No. 7, one hour and 15 minutes for Demand No. 14 and one hour for Demand No. 15. I am also given to understand that parties